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The Examiner's attention is directed to Applicants' copending application, van de Zande *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 10/526,706, having an international filing date of October 9, 2003, which is cited in the attached form PTO/SB/08B. U.S.S.N. 10/526,706 is the U.S. National Phase entry

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under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US03/31901, filed on October 9, 2003, and published as WO 2004/032959 on April 22, 2004, which is cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. It is noted that the specifications and claims as published in WO 2004/032959 are identical to the specification and pending claims of 10/526,706. Applicants' captioned application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US03/31901. Applicants also note that an Image File Wrapper has not yet been created for U.S.S.N. 10/526,706. U.S.S.N. 10/526,706 will have (or has) entered the national phase after June 30, 2003, and it is expected that an Image File Wrapper will be created for this application.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,951,650, which is cited in the attached form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of the prosecution history correspondence to and from the U.S.P.T.O. for this patent is provided in the attached form PTO/SB/08B.

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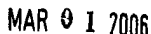
Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and request that it be allowed. The Examiner is requested to call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

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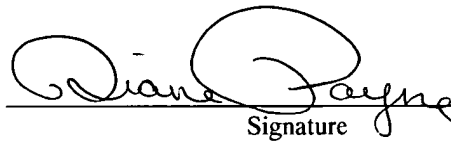
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